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Maritime Administration Recognizes Maine Maritime Academy's Training Ship Crew

A special luncheon ceremony was held on January 25 at the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine, to welcome the crew of the TS *State of Maine* home from the Gulf Coast and express appreciation for their service in response to emergency activation orders to assist in relief and recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina devastated the area.

The Maritime Administration originally set deployment for approximately 60 days. The ship departed Castine on September 8, following a five-day rapid response to orders to assist, and returned to Castine on November 22. "That matches the readiness of most of the ships in our ready reserve," James E. Caponiti, Associate Administrator for National Security of MARAD, said at the luncheon. "That is a testimonial to your organization and the students here that you were able to do that."



The permanent crew of the T.S. State of Maine display individual certificates of appreciation awarded by the Maine Maritime Academy.

Photos courtesy of Maine Maritime Academy

Under the command of Capt. Laurence Wade, master of the TS *State of Maine*, the ship's regular complement of 10 professional seafaring officers and crew made the journey. A number of



*Left to Right: William Cahill, MMA Class of 1967, MARAD; Capt. Laurence Wade, MMA Class of 1964, Master of the TS *State of Maine*; and James Caponiti, MARAD, display the Maritime "M" Award pennant.*

additional licensed ship's officers and nonlicensed staff were aboard to round out the crew of approximately 47 people.

Caponiti presented a plaque of recognition and pennant, known as the Maritime "M" Award, to Capt. Wade, citing the crew's quick response in getting underway after the training ship was activated for Gulf service in September.

The TS *State of Maine* provided emergency housing for relief workers in the disaster area, and its crew served more than 35,000 meals to guests while in the area. "I don't think we've ever used the phrase 'we'll leave the light on' with a maritime ship before," Caponiti said.

Presentations were also made by Kevin F. Doyle, Acting Director for Police Service, Office of Security and Law Enforcement, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ward Graffam, Chairman, Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees; and Leonard Tyler, President of Maine Maritime Academy. Letters of citation were read in absentia from Maine Governor John Baldacci, U.S. Senator Susan Collins, U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe, and U.S. Representative Tom Allen.

No one would ever have crossed the ocean if he could have gotten off the ship in the storm.

-Charles Kettering

U.S. Catholic Bishops Declare May 22 Annual Day of Remembrance for Mariners

Father John Jamnicky first got the idea on National Maritime Day 2004. Father Jamnicky is the National Director of the Apostleship of the Sea, and he was offering prayers at MARAD's National Maritime Day observance. Maybe it would be possible to get the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to designate special prayers for National Maritime Day? He knew it would take a little time, and a lot of effort, but he thought he could get it done.

In a voice vote on November 14, 2005, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops declared May 22 of each year as a Day of Remembrance and Prayer for Mariners and People of the Sea. May 22, 2006, will mark the first observance of that day of prayer. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, will lead a National Maritime Day Mass to mark the day at St. Dominic Church, 630 E Street, SW, at 10:30 a.m. Those who are interested are welcome to attend.

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